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To Supervising Principals:--

We are sending you sets of the Aldine Primer, First Reader, Cards, Charts, Manuals and Rhyme Cards sufficient to supply your first grades. Remember that, if necessary, 25 books will be sufficient for 100 pupils on double enrollment. We wish to have the work of the first grades in reading done in accordance with this system, following the directions in the Manual carefully.

It will not be possible at this time to use the First Reader except in second grades that have had considerable English. We will leave that to your individual judgment in each case.

The Aldine Method of reading has given such in Ponce, where it was used experimentally last year, that the Department has felt it wise to introduce this system throughout the graded schools of the island.

The Spanish-American Readers and Primers now being used in the first grades may be put into used in the rural schools and the books there may be used as supplementary reading.

Yours very truly,
EDWIN G. DEXTER
Commissioner of Education